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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

DETAILED ACTION***Response to Amendment***

1. The reply filed on 04/30/2003 is not fully responsive to the prior Notification of Non-Compliance because: the applicant continues to submit a brief which includes the statement requiring dependent claims 2-11 and 15-18 to stand or fall together with independent claims 1 and 14, but arguments directed to the dependent claims are presented. Only arguments directed toward the independent claims are required. Since the period for reply set forth in the prior Office (4/3/03) action has expired, this application will become abandoned unless applicant corrects the deficiency and obtains an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a).

The date on which the petition under 37 CFR 1.136(a) and the appropriate extension fee have been filed is the date for purposes of determining the period of extension and the corresponding amount of the fee. In no case may an applicant reply outside the SIX (6) MONTH statutory period or obtain an extension for more than FIVE (5) MONTHS beyond the date for reply set forth in an Office action. A fully responsive reply must be timely filed to avoid abandonment of this application.

2. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Troy Chambers whose telephone number is (703) 308-5870. If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Michael J. Carone, can be reached at (703) 306-4198.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 306-

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4177. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is (703) 305-7687.



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